(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking) offers exclusive packages to the holiday makers. Similarly, it has also tied up with M/s. Majorda Beach Resorts and M/s. Whispering Palms Beach Resorts Goa to offer attractive Holiday packages. Air India as the national carrier has also been actively promoting tourism into India. All efforts are made to promote all destinations in every region of the country.

Expansion of Aviation Facilities in Rajasthan

4575. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Civil Aviation facilities in Rajasthan are inadequate; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Civil Aviation facilities are reviewed on a regular basis. At present, the Airports Authority of India is maintaing Jaipur, Udaipur and Kota airports besides Civil Enclaves at the Defence Airfields at Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Bikaner. Further, there are 26 airstrips in Rajasthan maintained by the State Government for Civil Aviation purposes.

Alliance Air (a subsidiary of Indian Airlines), Sahara Airlines and Jet Airways operate services linking important stations within and outside Rajasthan.

Haj Pilgrims

4576. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Haj pilgrims angry with AI staff" which appeared in the Pioneer dated the 31st March, 2000; and

(b) if so, the reasons for Haj pilgrims to be angry?